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In re Patent Application of: Govil et al.

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DELIVERY OF HIGHLY PLASTICIZING

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action mailed July 23, 2002, in which claims 84 and 86-92 were rejected, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPHS:

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 24, and ending on page 12, line 5, as follows:

Applicants have also discovered that the traditional bench-top methods of gauging the performance of such adhesives are unreliable with particularly highly plasticizing drugs like Therefore while tests like shear strength, peel selegiline. tests from a steel plate and tack tests may eliminate certain reliably identify not candidates, will they it was discovered that the Instead, candidates. polymeric adhesives that worked the best in these application all have similar compositions. Generally, they include a  $C_4 - C_{12}$